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This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

Applicant has suggested an interference pursuant to 37 CFR 41.202(a) in a communication filed 07/09/2004.

Applicant is suggesting an interference be declared between the instant application and U.S. patent 6,974,460 to Carbone.

Applicant failed to (1) identify all claims the applicant believes interfere, and/or (2) propose one or more counts, and/or (3) show how the claims correspond to one or more counts. See 37 CFR 41.202(a)(2) and MPEP 2304.02(b).

With respect to (2) applicant lists a variety of claims as being the proposed count. Respectfully, a count cannot consist of more than one claim. See 37 CFR 41.201 for the definition of a count.

With respect to (3), see 37 CFR 41.207(b)(2) for an explanation of "correspondence to a count". Claims do not correspond to a count because they are copied from a patent; correspondence is based upon the subject matter of the count and the state of the prior art. See Also MPEP 2304.02(b) and 2301.03.

Applicant failed to provide a claim chart comparing at least one claim of each party corresponding to the count. See 37 CFR 41.202(a)(3) and MPEP § 2304.02(c).

Applicant failed to provide a claim chart showing, for each constructive reduction to practice for which the applicant wishes to be accorded benefit, wherein the disclosure provides a constructive reduction to practice within the scope of the interfering subject matter. Particularly, as applicant seeks to be accorded the status of Senior party to the interference; this showing must be made to support that assertion. See MPEP 37 CFR 41.202(a)(6).

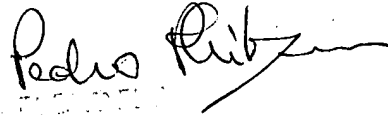
Applicant is given ONE MONTH or THIRTY DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication to correct the deficiency(ies). THE PROVISIONS OF 37 CFR 1.136 DO NOT APPLY TO THE TIME SPECIFIED IN THIS ACTION.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Pedro Philogene whose telephone number is (571) 272-4716. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday to Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Eduardo Robert can be reached on (571) 272-4719. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or preceeding is assigned 571-273-8300.

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Pedro Philogene
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Pedro Philogene", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.